

BUFFALO

An aerial photograph of Buffalo, New York, showing a dense urban landscape with numerous buildings, streets, and a waterfront area with ships. The city is viewed from a high angle, looking down towards the water.

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"The City of Good Neighbors"

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Facts and Figures . . .

● BUFFALO, in the heart of the world-famous Niagara Region and at the gateway to Canada, is the hub of the greatest industrial and commercial activity on the North American Continent. The city presents a panorama of booming industrial enterprise and diversified achievement. The busy activity in its great harbor and railroad terminals at the crossroads of international commerce—the towering grain elevators—big steel plants—airplane manufacturers—food industries and scores of other diversified industrial and commercial activities provide a scene of American industry and commerce at its best. More than two million visitors annually find Buffalo a friendly city—the “City of Good Neighbors.” The city abounds with interesting things to see, entertaining things to do. And one of the things these visitors long remember is how little it costs to sojourn in Buffalo—where a warm welcome always awaits you.

● THERE is always something interesting to see or to do for visitors who come to Buffalo. Here the visitors are quickly caught by the city's typical spirit of lively fun and good fellowship. There are sports of every kind for young and old—boating and fishing in the lake and river, International League baseball, golfing and horse racing in Summer . . . big-time professional and collegiate football in Fall, and in Winter there is American League hockey and top-flight boxing and wrestling. More than 100 night clubs and 52 theatres provide sparkling, lively entertainment the year 'round. Buffalo's 1,100 restaurants are noted for serving wholesome food at reasonable prices. Many visitors make Buffalo their headquarters for side-trips to such famous places as Niagara Falls, the Chautauqua Assembly, Zoar Valley, Allegany State Park, the historic Old Fort Niagara, Letchworth Park, and Watkins Glen, all of which can be visited in a day. Buffalo is the recognized starting point for thousands of tourists who annually visit Canada, which is linked to the city by the world-famous Peace Bridge spanning the Niagara River.

● BUFFALO is the second largest city in New York State in population, second only to New York City, and the 14th in size in the nation. Its population is comprised of 84 per cent native born Americans and is second among the 14 largest cities in percentage of native white population.

● BUFFALO is the largest inland water port in the United States in value of waterborne commerce handled, with an annual average tonnage of 20,000,000 valued at more than \$600,000,000. It normally is the greatest export and import point in trade with Canada of any of the 46 Customs Districts in the United States.

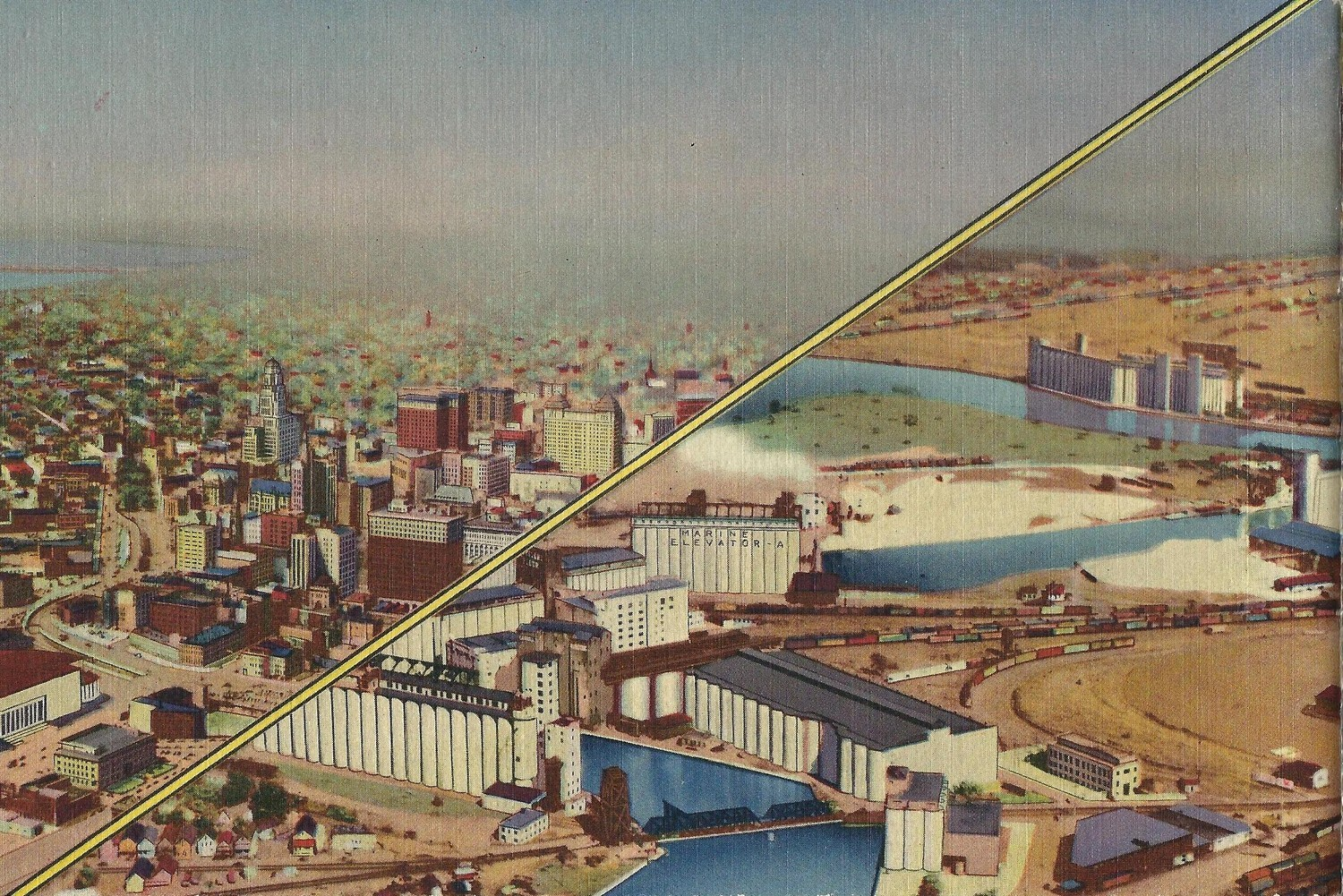
● BUFFALO is the second largest railroad center in the United States with 12 freight terminals, at which approximately 45,000 trains enter annually and five passenger terminals with more than 50,000 trains scheduled annually. The terminals have 600 miles of trackage with a car capacity of approximately 57,000.

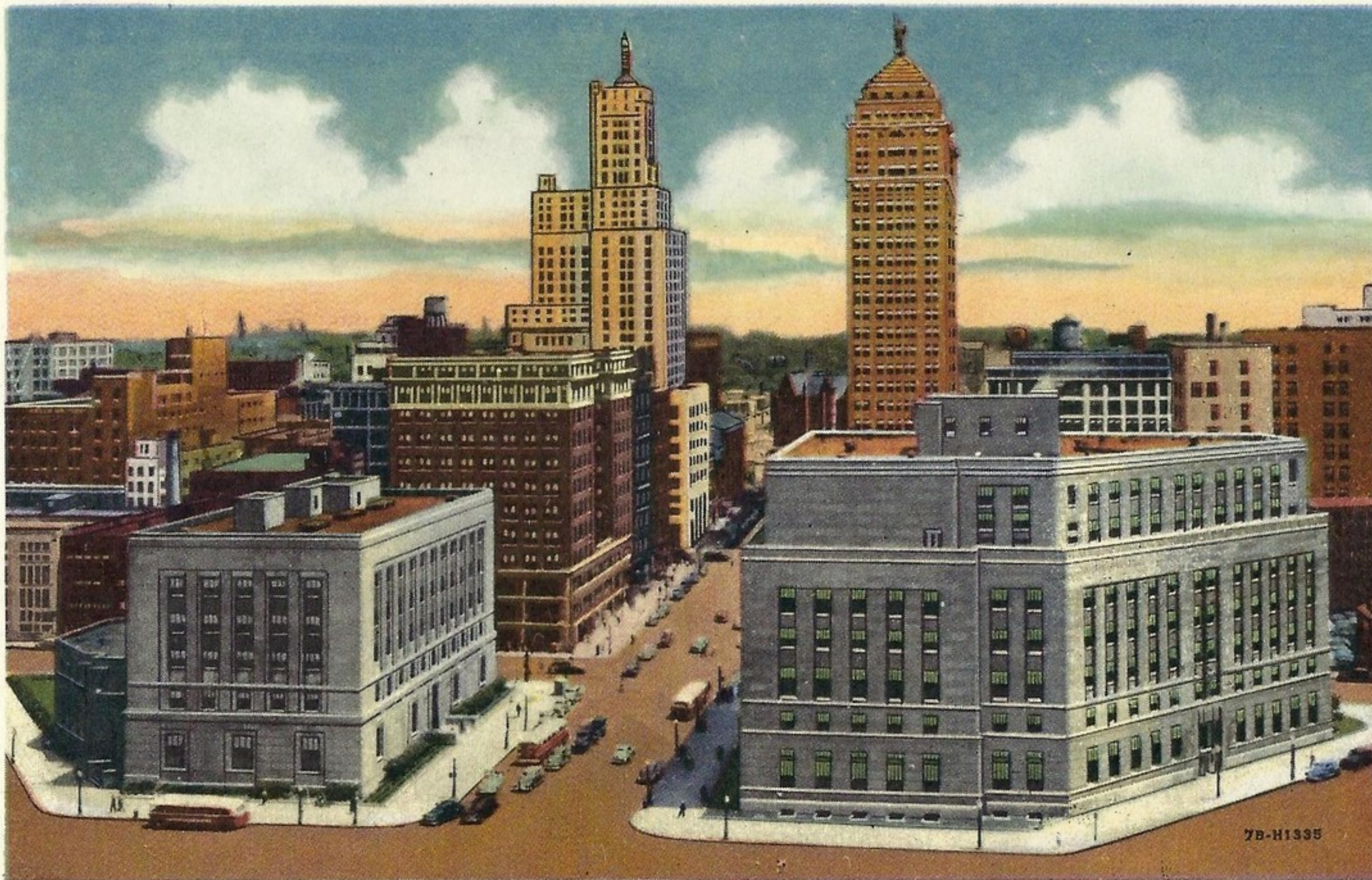
● BUFFALO is the first city in the world in flour and feed milling. Approximately 60,000,000 bushels of wheat are milled annually; 70 per cent becoming flour and the remainder dairy and poultry feeds. Tremendous amounts of other grains are processed annually in Buffalo.

● BUFFALO is in the heart of an area which includes the greatest concentration of population on the North American continent. Most of the large cities in the United States and Canada are within a radius of 500 miles from Buffalo. These cities include New York, Chicago, Montreal, Toronto, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Boston, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Richmond and Milwaukee.

More than 65 million people—53 per cent of the population of the United States and nearly 70 per cent of the population of Canada—live within Buffalo's 500-mile circle. Within this area are 54 of the 93 cities in the nation with populations of 100,000 or more, and 28 of the 50 largest cities. Buffalo is the hub of a mighty transportation network including rail, air, bus, water and highway. No other city in the United States, for instance, offers a location so central that residents of these leading cities may reach it over-night by rail transportation, most of them within two hours by air.

● A steady flow of American and Canadian visitors passes in and out of Buffalo. In a normal year it is estimated that more than two million persons visit the city either for business or pleasure. Great Lakes passenger steamers serving Buffalo carry nearly one million passengers annually in and out of the city. Three of the great U. S. highways lead to Buffalo and connect with highways from every major city in the United States and Canada.





COURT STREET VIEWED FROM CITY HALL, SHOWING STATE OFFICE BUILDING AND FEDERAL BUILDING IN FOREGROUND, RAND BUILDING AND LIBERTY BANK BUILDING IN REAR

● If you travel by air this is one of the first views that will greet you of Buffalo, "The City of Good Neighbors". The photographs in this book have all been taken by well known photographers and we hope that it will give you some idea as to the many varied attractions and points of interest in Buffalo, New York.



BUFFALO CIVIC CENTER, CITY HALL, MCKINLEY MONUMENT AND STATLER HOTEL

● The "Hub" of Buffalo's Municipal government, the beautiful City Hall, faces the Civic Center just west of Main Street in downtown Buffalo. The efforts of architectural planning to beautify the Administration Center are plainly visible to the visitor as he gazes upon the imposing structures surrounding the McKinley Monument.



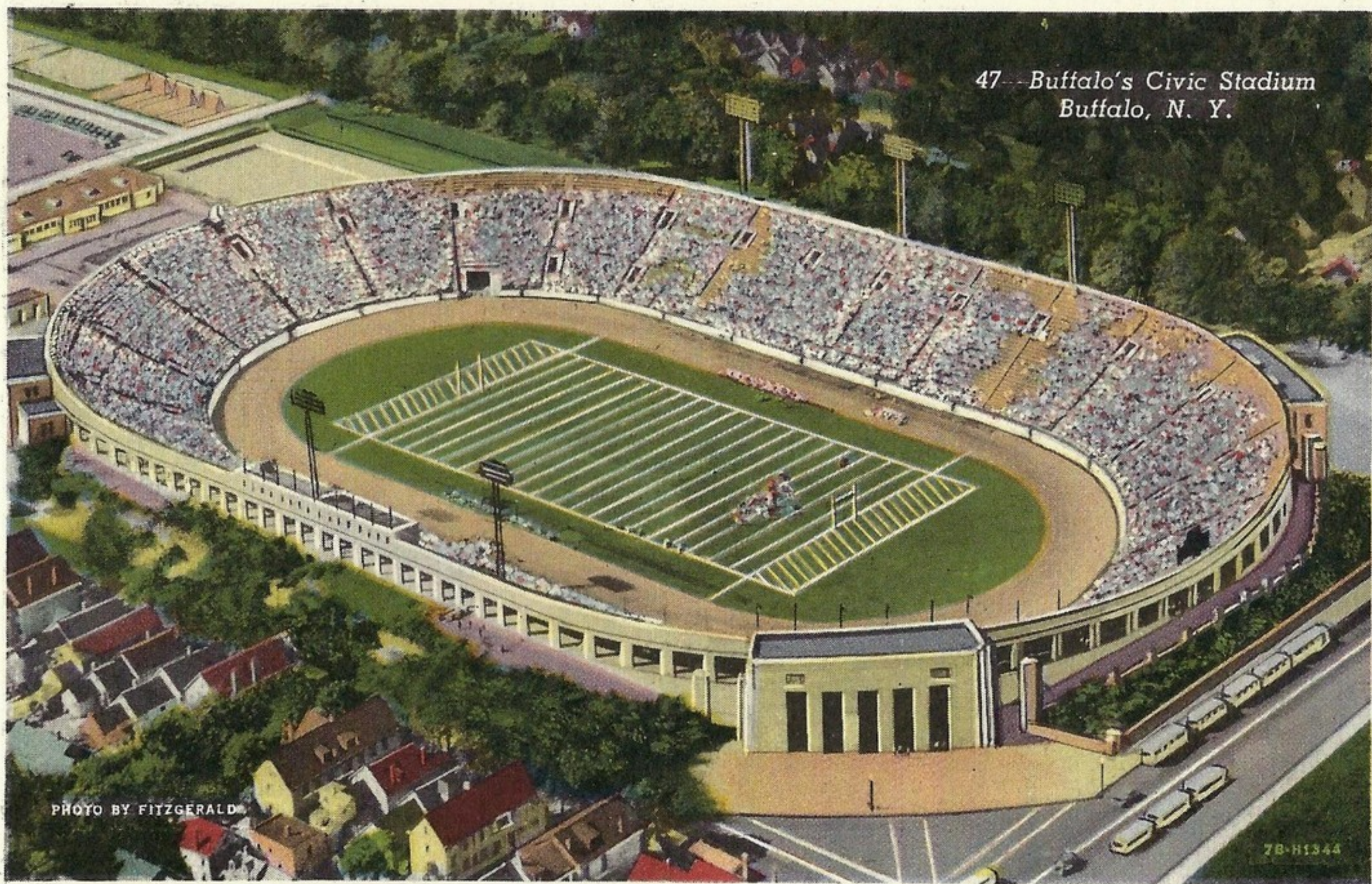
THE BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

● Buffalo is justly proud of the Museum of Science Building. Located in Humboldt Park, in one of the earliest settled sections of Buffalo it houses a veritable storehouse of Science. Here Buffalo presents to the visitor endless hours of viewing nature, industry, man and science.



ROSE GARDENS, DELAWARE PARK

● Buffalo is proud of its beautiful parks. Yearly thousands of dollars are spent in laying out gorgeous floral beds. Delaware Park, the largest of Buffalo's many public parks, boasts of several baseball diamonds, Buffalo's nationally known zoo, tennis courts, riding paths, boating and skating and huge picnic areas.



BUFFALO'S CIVIC STADIUM

● The home grounds of the "Buffalo Bills," Buffalo's professional football team, is the Buffalo Civic Stadium. Huge crowds gather here for football, auto racing, track and field meets, religious and political gatherings. Centrally located it can be reached by almost all means of transportation easily and quickly. Lighted by huge batteries of powerful lights it is used as much in the evening as in the day.



CAZENOVIA PARK, LAKE AND CASINO

● Another of Buffalo's large parks with a boating lake and casino in Cazenovia Park, located on the South Side of Buffalo. Here a modern swimming pool, both softball and baseball diamonds, floral beds unsurpassed in beauty, picnic areas tennis courts and wide public drives greet the visitor. Buffalonians, lovers of beauty, in "a City of Good Neighbors," are proud to extend to all visitors the facilities of their huge park system.



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL AND SHELTON SQUARE

● Shelton Square in Buffalo has perhaps been the focal point for many years in almost all forms of activity. Here parades begin their long march up Main Street, here in years gone by almost every great and distinguished visitor has stood. Many a speech both good and bad has emanated from a soap box or platform at Shelton Square. Today within an area of two blocks in all directions every major street car and bus route begins from Shelton Square. Here also is one of Buffalo's famous churches, where all faiths, yearly at Christmas time, gather at noon each day to sing Christmas Carols.

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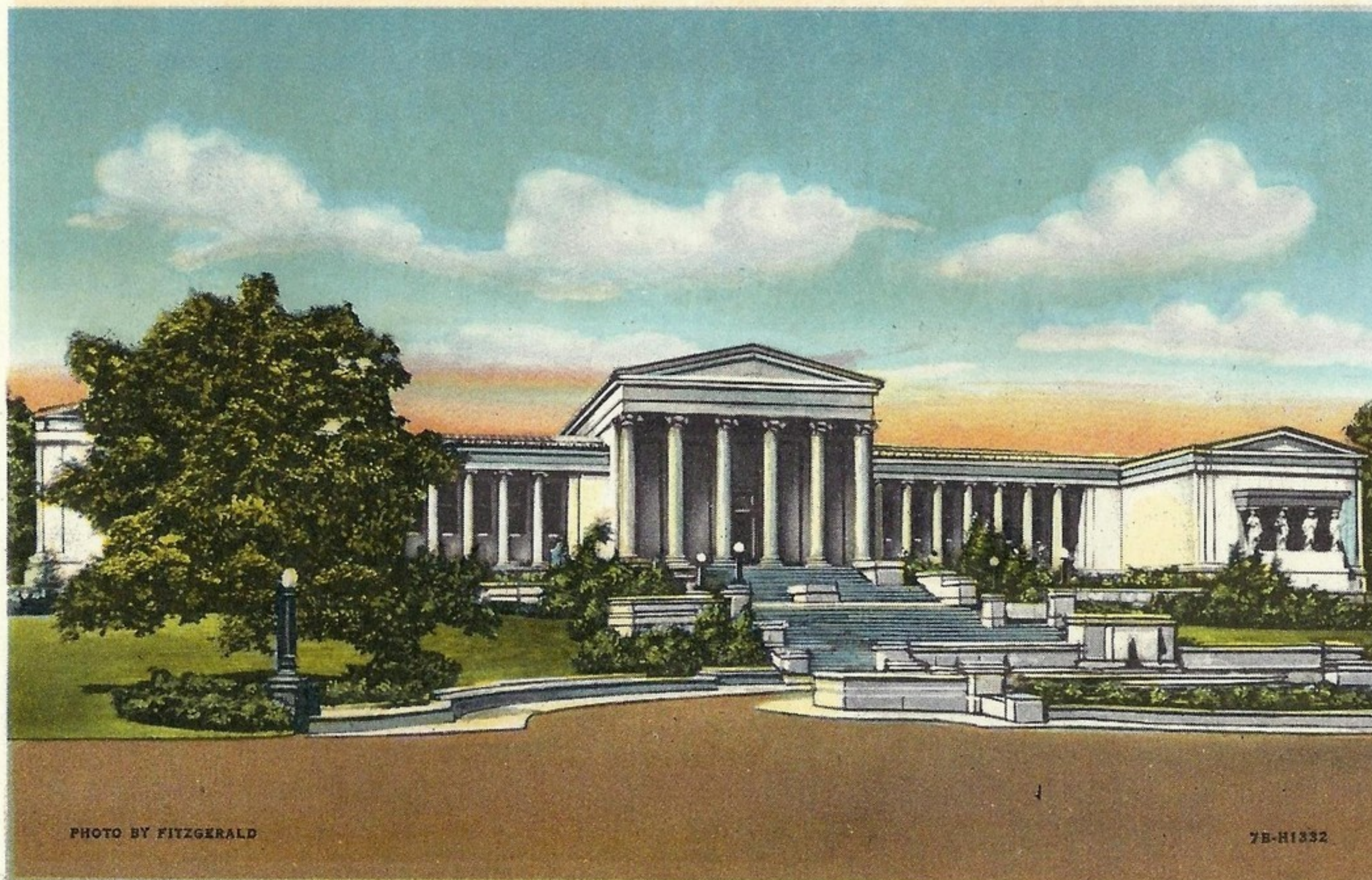
● In the heart of the theatre and supper club district is the Greyhound Bus Terminal where visitors using bus travel come from all over the country. Serviced by the Greyhound System, travelers to every state in the Union pass through its doors. Here also is the terminus of many of the suburban bus routes of Buffalo.



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AERIAL VIEW OF DOWNTOWN AND CIVIC CENTER

● Atop Buffalo's beautiful City Hall is an observation tower. Visitors may ascend in speedy elevators to the top of the structure and on a clear day hundreds of miles of surrounding country including our neighbor Canada can be seen from the vantage point. Here a visitor can see how the main arteries of traffic all lead down to the Civic Center.



ALBRIGHT ART GALLERY IN DELAWARE PARK, ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BUILDINGS

● The Albright Art Gallery situated on a rise of ground overlooks the lake in Delaware Park. It is the center of Buffalo's fast growing art interest. In the Gallery are held exhibits of timely interests, lectures and instruction. Nearby is the School of Fine Arts of the Albright Art Gallery.



HOTEL STATLER AND NEW YORK STATE OFFICE BUILDING

● Buffalo's largest hostelry, the Hotel Statler, is located at the Civic Center in downtown Buffalo. As one of the Statler chain it is known from coast to coast. Its location appeals to tourists. It is only 3 blocks from the downtown shopping area and theatre district and connections to and from all trains and buses are available from here.



DOWNTOWN BUFFALO, N. Y.

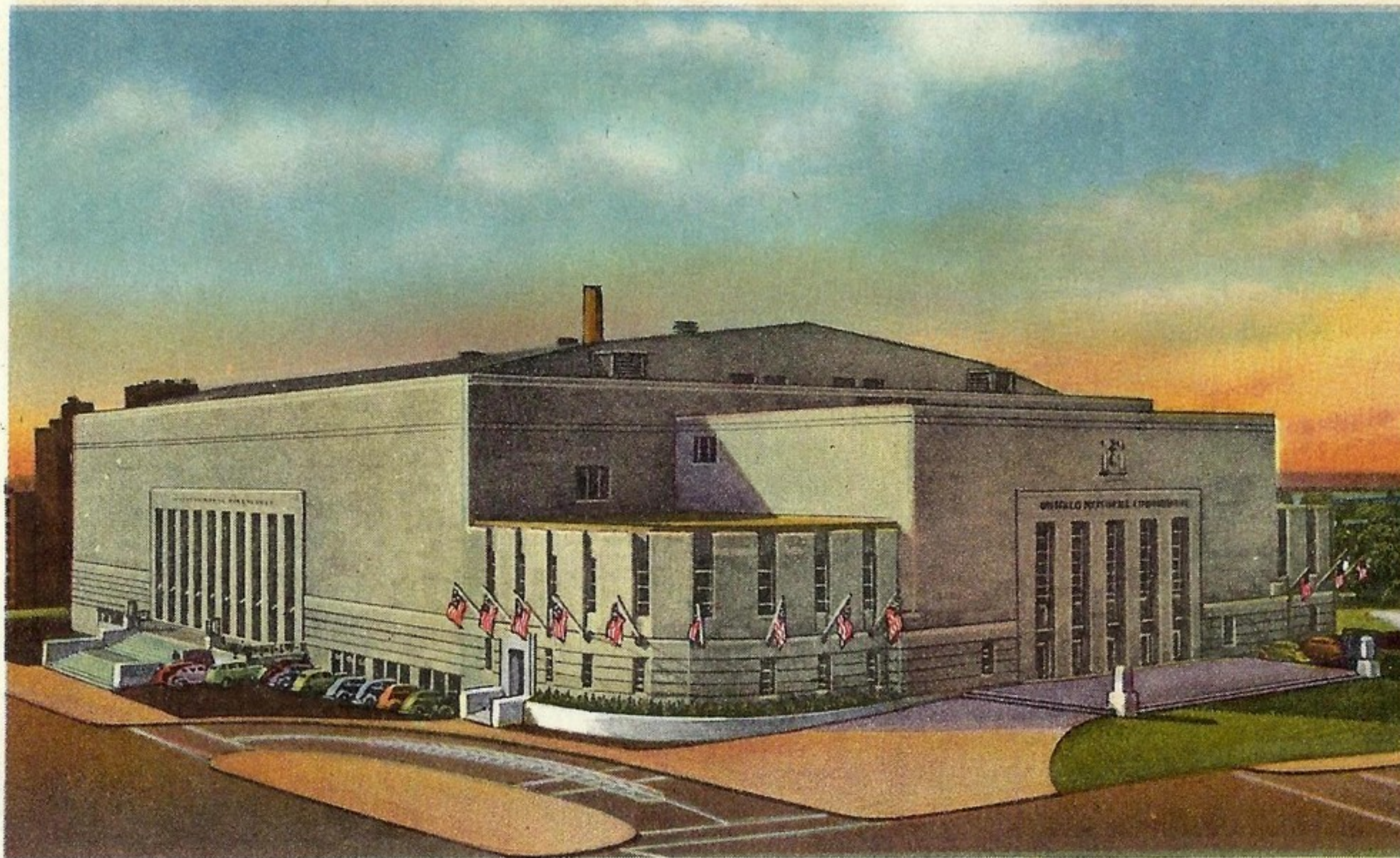
- 1—City Hall
- 2—Hotel Statler
- 3—McKinley Monument
- 4—State Office Building
- 5—Federal Building
- 6—Buffalo Athletic Club

- 7—Univ. of Buffalo Evening School
- 8—County Hall, Old Cathedral
- 9—Liberty Bank
- 10—Electric Building
- 11—Rand Building
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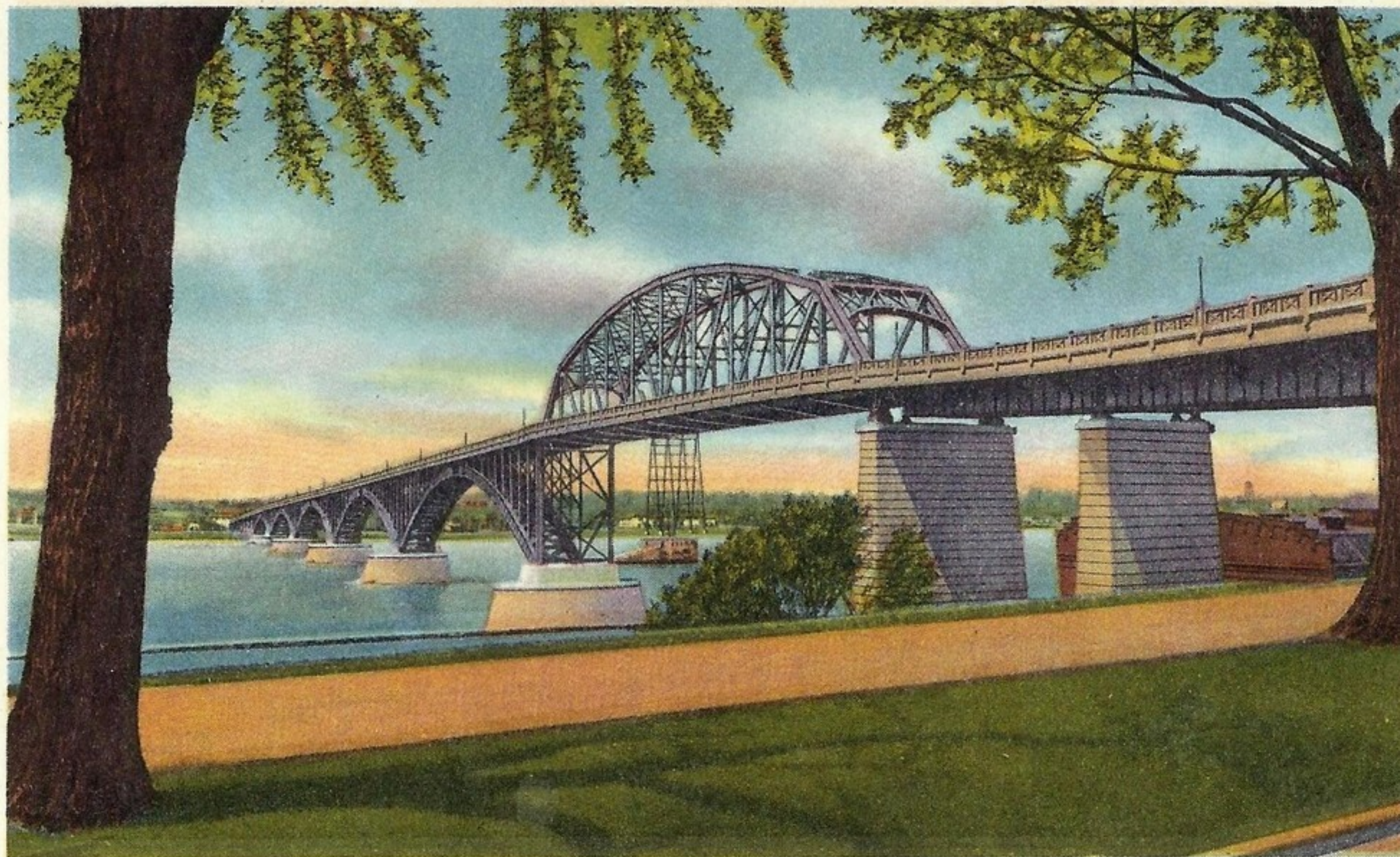
FLORAL EMBLEM IN HUMBOLDT PARK

● Another of the beautiful floral formations in Humboldt Park is shown above. Humboldt Park in the older section of the city contains in winter one of the largest open air ice skating rinks in Buffalo. Here also is the famous Museum of Science Building.



BUFFALO MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

● The New Buffalo Memorial Auditorium is a natural attraction for many of the conventions and sporting events held in Buffalo. Boxing, wrestling and roller skating derbys are but a few of the events held in this huge auditorium. There, scarcely a week goes by without some big event at the "Aud," attracting thousands to cheer on their favorite.



PEACE BRIDGE CROSSING NIAGARA RIVER BETWEEN BUFFALO, N. Y. AND
FORT ERIE, ONT., CANADA

● Like a strong hand stretching across the Niagara River to Canada, the Peace Bridge symbolizes the great bond of friendship existing between these two great countries.



LOOKING NORTH ON DELAWARE AVE., SHOWING CITY HALL, MCKINLEY MONUMENT,
HOTEL STATLER, STATE OFFICE BUILDING AND BUFFALO ATHLETIC CLUB

● Here is a panoramic view of Buffalo's Civic Center. Directly north is Delaware Ave. where for miles can be seen some of the beautiful mansions and homes along the Avenue lined on both sides with huge stately trees.



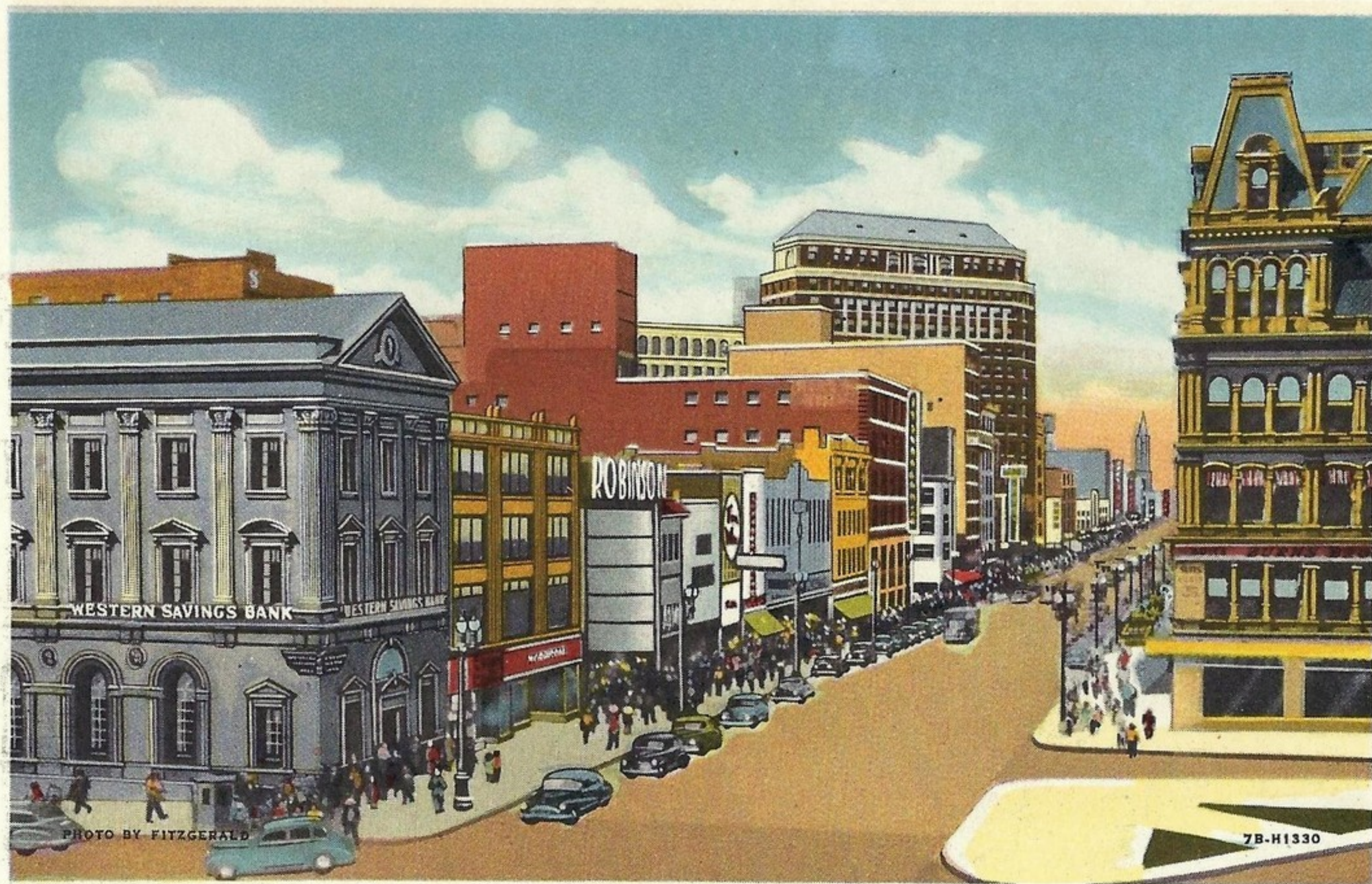
SOUTH PARK CONSERVATORY

● If you are a lover of beautiful flowers and little known plants, don't fail to visit the Conservatory Building in South Park. Here many varieties of gorgeous plants and flowers can be seen daily. This building is open to the public and there is no charge for admission.



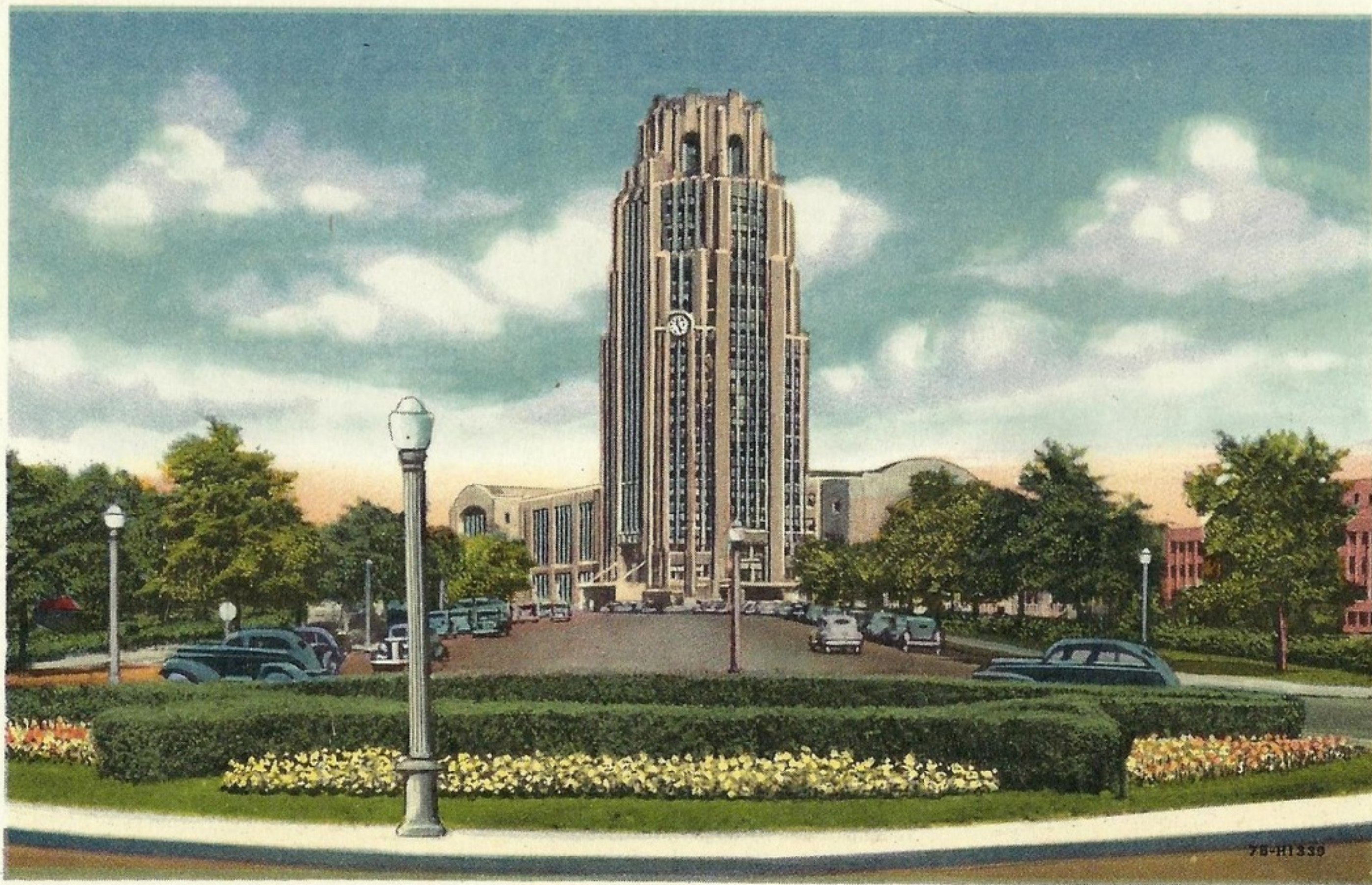
CANOEING ON BEAUTIFUL DELAWARE PARK LAKE

● Many a heart has skipped a beat and romance blossomed into full bloom while canoeing on the Delaware Park Lake. Where many years back our grandfathers courted their ladies so also today the canoeing on this lake is one of the musts with every young couple.



MAIN STREET FROM LAFAYETTE SQUARE

● This view from the Brisbane Building shows Main Street looking north from Lafayette Square.



CENTRAL TERMINAL

● Here is a brand new view of the Central Railroad Terminal in Buffalo. The thousands of rail passengers are amazed at the size of this "Grand Central" of Buffalo Terminal. Millions of tons of rail freight and railway express pass in and out of this terminal. Here connections to any train in any state can be arranged and on its 20 tracks begin the trips for tourists to all parts of America.

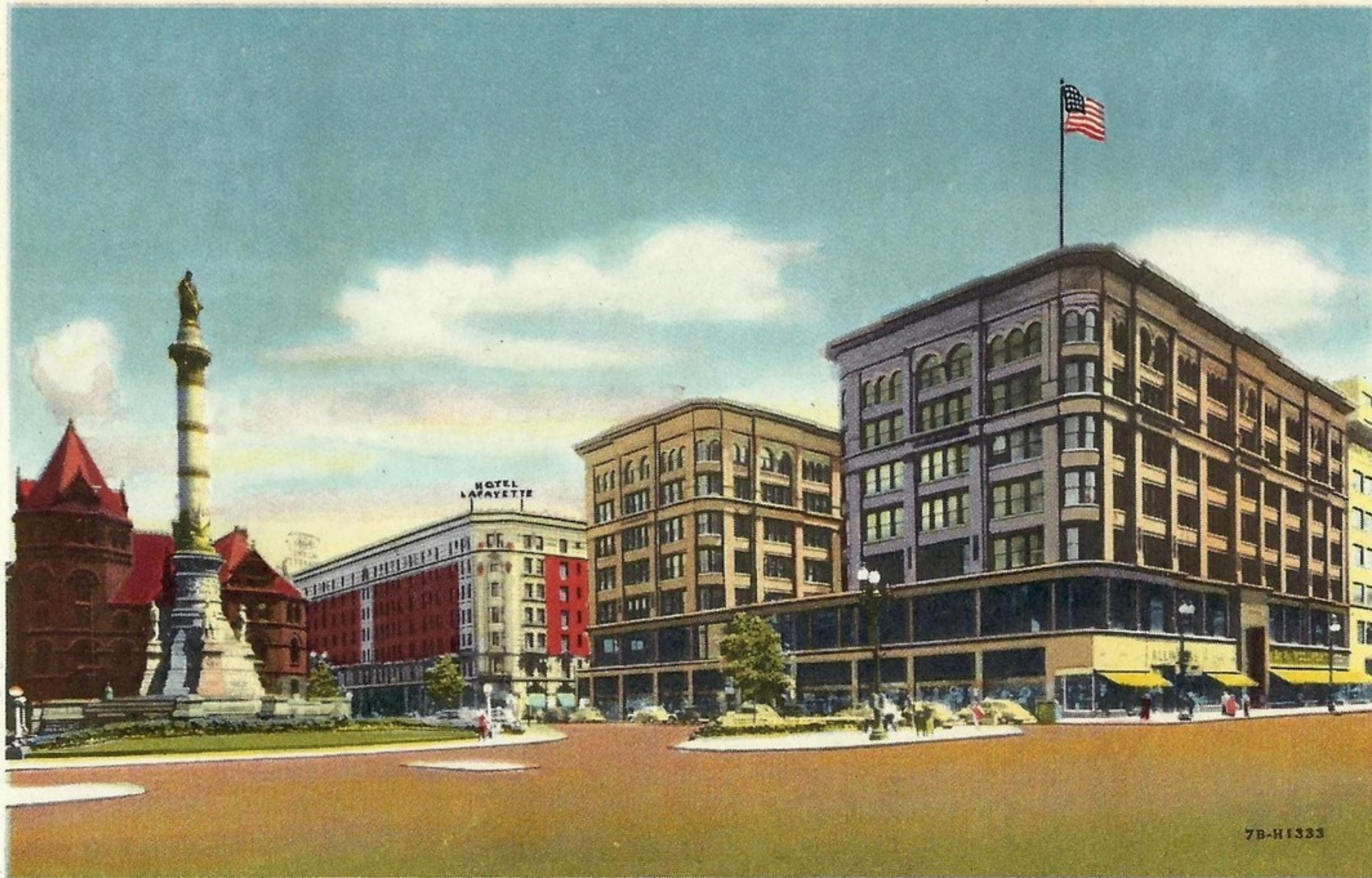


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39—Aerial View of Waterfront Dock Area and Downtown Buffalo, New York

AERIAL VIEW OF WATERFRONT DOCK AREA AND DOWNTOWN

● The view above shows only a small portion of the extensive waterfront area of the Port of Buffalo. Buffalo's lake shipping season in 1948 opened on March 17th when 12 freighters lead by the great ice breaker, Mackinaw broke through the thick ice fields into open lake water. This view by the well known air photographer M. Fitzgerald shows that part of the dock area immediately at the foot of Main Street.



LAFAYETTE SQUARE, SHOWING FROM LEFT, PUBLIC LIBRARY, SOLDIERS MONUMENT,
HOTEL LAFAYETTE AND BRISBANE BUILDING

- Directly south on Court Street from the Civic Center is Lafayette Square. The main building of the Buffalo Public Library is seen in the background. The Soldiers Monument in the center was erected to commemorate the sacrifice of our men in service of the Civil War and Spanish-American War.



NEW 106TH FIELD ARTILLERY ARMORY

● This building is the headquarters of the areas New York National Guard Unit and is located on a hill directly across the street from the Buffalo Civic Stadium.



KLEINHANS MUSIC HALL

● One of Buffalo's most modern buildings. Here the philharmonic is king. In its perfectly appointed music rooms and auditorium, music of the masters is played weekly under the direction of well known conductors of symphonic orchestras.

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● BUFFALO is known far and wide for its natural beauties. With more than 350,000 city-owned trees on the city's 42 square miles, famous authors have referred to Buffalo as "The metropolis in a forest of trees." Wide tree-arched boulevards and drives link the city's 10 public parks which contain 3,000 acres of rolling greens, wooded glades and waterfront. The outdoor park facilities include 10 swimming pools, 12 ice skating rinks, 23 baseball diamonds, 57 tennis courts, 4 municipal golf courses, 11 football fields, 2 soccer fields, 3 lawn bowling courts, 1 cricket field and 38 playgrounds. Buffalo has 6 town clubs, 4 boat clubs and 14 nearby country clubs. Its \$2,000,000 Zoo is located in 365-acre Delaware Park where there is a lake for boating in summer and skating in winter. The city abounds with public picnic grounds.

BUFFALO stands among the first cities in the world in the proportion of church membership to population. Its 419 churches are representing every faith.

● BUFFALO owes to economical water transportation its ranking as one of the great industrial centers of the world. Its port, located at the Eastern end of Lake Erie and the Western terminus of the New York State Barge Canal, is a focal point for International waterborne transportation. More than \$200,000,000 is invested in industry along the city's 37 miles of waterfront. It is the largest U. S. inland port in value of waterborne tonnage with approximately 20,000,000 tons valued at \$600,000,000 handled annually. This tonnage has usually included about 7,000,000 tons of grain; 5,000,000 iron ore; 2,600,000 coal; and 1,000,000 limestone. Buffalo is the world's greatest maritime grain distribution center with 36 elevators having a total storage capacity of more than 57,000,000 bushels. Water transportation of raw materials has made Buffalo rank high as a producer of pig iron and steel. Nine ore docks have a capacity of 7,000,000 tons annually. Approximately 9,000 arrivals and departures of boats are recorded every year at the Port of Buffalo. A 33,600 foot breakwater protects harbor.

● The first permanent white settlers came to the area now known as Buffalo, then called New Amsterdam, in 1784. When the war of 1812

was declared, Buffalo was a community of log cabins with a population of 1500. It was not until the night of December 30, 1813, that the village, although in the vicinity of some of the heaviest fighting, suffered destruction by enemy invasion. On that night, soldiers accompanied by a band of hostile Indians, set fire to the village. A stiff wind fanned the flames and all but a few homes were destroyed. The settlement virtually rose from ashes and on April 5, 1816, was incorporated as the Village of Buffalo. With the opening of the Erie Canal on October 26, 1825, Buffalo's growth as a great center of commerce, began. The pioneer waterway reduced the cost of transportation from the Hudson River to Buffalo from \$100 to \$10 a ton. The village became the transfer point of immigration and commerce in the movement to the West and Buffalo was chartered as a city in 1832, when its population was around 10,000. Since that early day many events of world-wide importance have occurred in Buffalo. Many of its citizens have won honors of International significance. Two Buffalonians achieved the highest office of government when Millard Fillmore became the 13th President of the United States and Grover Cleveland the 22nd and 24th. The Pan-American Exposition in 1901 made Buffalo's resources known to the far corners of the world with the result that the city, within a decade, passed from an exclusively commercial city to become also a great industrial center.

● Among the leading industries in the area are: aircraft, steel works and rolling mills, iron and steel products, chemicals, motor vehicles and parts, machinery, food products, paper and paper products, printing, stone, clay and glass products, flour, feed, and grain milling, rubber products, non-ferrous metal products, clothing, plastics, motors, furniture, drugs, petroleum products, etc.

● A government meteorologist, who has lived and worked in practically all sections of the United States, has stated that Buffalo's weather has no superior as an "all-the-year-round" proposition. It is comfortable and superbly adapted to all ordinary demands of business and commerce. During an average winter there are only four days with a temperature of zero or lower. Compared to normal summer weather in many cities, Buffalo actually has three or four months of June weather. Buffalo ranges from 578 to 685 feet above sea level.

